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Sir:

This amendment is responsive to the Office Action dated March 27, 2006 for which a three-month period for response was given making this response due on or before June 27, 2006. In view of the Terminal Disclaimer submitted herewith and the remarks put forth below, reconsideration and allowance are respectfully requested.